

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 156

WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2019

1. Meeting of Council

The Council assembled at 1.00pm pursuant to order.

The President, Hon Kate Doust, took the Chair.

Prayers and an Acknowledgement of Country were read.

2. Statement by President — Parliamentary Officer Appointment — Lauren Levia

The President made the following Statement —

I have a brief statement. In September this year, a selection process commenced to fill the vacant position of Parliamentary Officer in the Legislative Council that had been vacated by Mrs Lisa Parrella. Today, I am pleased to announce that Ms Lauren Levia has been appointed to this position, effective from 1 November 2019. As Members would be aware, Ms Levia has been administrative assistant in the Committee Office since April 2017, and from time to time has acted as a Parliamentary Officer and provided administrative assistance to the office of the Clerk. On behalf of all Members, I congratulate Lauren on her appointment, welcome her to this very small and dedicated staff at the House, and wish her every success in her new role.

3. Ministerial Statement — 30th Anniversary of Noodle Wheat Segregation

The Minister for Agriculture and Food made a Ministerial Statement with respect to the 30th anniversary of the Australian Noodle Wheat segregation, a milestone event for the nation's first speciality wheat market.

4. Paper

The following Paper was laid on the Table by —

Minister for Environment

Plans —

Planning Commission — Improvement Plan No. 52 — West Ellenbrook (August 2019)

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5. Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations — Report 78 — Budget Cycle — Part 1: Estimates hearings and related matters

Hon Alanna Clohesy presented Report 78 of the Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations, *Budget Cycle — Part 1: Estimates hearings and related matters*. (Tabled Paper 3270).

6. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Leader of the House moved, without notice —

That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as to enable the following variations to the order of business and sitting times for the remaining Wednesday sittings in 2019 —

- (a) on Wednesday, 16 October 2019:
 - (i) no Consideration of Committee Reports; and
 - (ii) the House to sit beyond 6.20pm, suspend sittings between 6.00pm and 7.00pm and take Members' Statements at 9.45pm or at an earlier time ordered by the House.
- (b) on all subsequent sitting Wednesdays:
 - (i) the House to sit beyond 6.20pm, suspend sittings between 6.00pm and 7.00pm and take Members' Statements at 9.45pm or at an earlier time ordered by the House until the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019* has been read a third time.

Debate ensued.

The motion requiring the concurrence of an absolute majority.

Question — put.

The President having counted the Council, and there being an absolute majority present, and no dissentient voice, declared the motion carried with the concurrence of an absolute majority.

7. Order of Business

Ordered — That Orders of the Day Nos 1, *Health Regulations Amendment (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2019 — Disallowance*, 2, *Transport Regulations Amendment (Road Passenger Services) Regulations (No. 2) 2019 — Disallowance*, 3, *City of Bunbury — Fees Notice 2019 — Disallowance*, and 4, *Public Health Amendment Regulations 2019 — Disallowance*, be taken after Order of the Day No. 21, *High Risk Offenders Bill 2019*. (Leader of the House).

8. Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019

The Order of the Day having been read for the adjourned debate on the second reading of this Bill.

Debate resumed.

9. Questions Without Notice

Questions without notice were taken.

The Minister for Education and Training tabled the High Priority Maintenance and Minor Works program for the Department of Education, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Donna Faragher. (Tabled Paper 3271).

The Leader of the House representing the Attorney General tabled a letter from Hon Christian Porter MP to Hon John Quigley regarding the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019*, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 3272).

The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Housing tabled documents in relation to the number and percentage of Keystart loan accounts that are in default with arrears of 90 days or more for each month of 2017, 2018 and 2019, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Peter Collier. (Tabled Paper 3272).

The Minister for Education and Training tabled the minutes of a BCIT Board meeting on 12 August 2019, in response to a question without notice asked by Hon Martin Aldridge. (Tabled Paper 3274).

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health, in accordance with Standing Order 108(2), advised that an answer to questions on notice 2434 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge will be provided by 24 October 2019.

The Minister for Regional Development, in accordance with Standing Order 108(2), advised that an answer to questions on notice 2451 asked by Hon Martin Aldridge will be provided on 29 October 2019.

10. Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2019

Debate resumed on the second reading of this Bill (*see item 8 above*).

Hon Michael Mischin tabled, and by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, an extract of a newspaper article from *The Sunday Times* newspaper entitled *Labor MP revolts* (13 October 2019). (Tabled Paper 3275).

Debate resumed.

Hon Michael Mischin tabled, and by leave incorporated into *Hansard*, an extract of an opinion piece by former Prime Minister Paul Keating published in *The Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper entitled *Voluntary euthanasia is a threshold moment for Australia, and one we should not cross* (19 October 2017). (Tabled Paper 3276).

Debate resumed.

Interruption pursuant to order.

11. Members' Statements

Statements were taken.

12. Adjournment

The Council adjourned at 10.08pm until Thursday, 17 October 2019 at 10.00am.

Members present during the day's proceedings

Attendance: Present all Members except Hon Rick Mazza.

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Clerk of the Legislative Council

HON KATE DOUST MLC
President of the Legislative Council